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Via Telecopy (202/260-4499)

Agency Freedom of Information Officer United States Environmental Protection Agency 401 M Street, SW (1105) Washington, D.C. 20460

Via Telecopy (312/886-1515)

Regional Freedom of Information Officer U.S. EPA, Region 5 77 West Jackson Boulevard (MRI-9) Chicago, IL 60604-3507

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. \ni 552 et seq., please consider this letter a formal request that the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") search all of its files to provide copies of all records, including, without limitation, computer files and other electronic media, relating to any actual or alleged connection of any of the following entities to the Chemical Recovery Systems Superfund site, located at 142 Locust Street in Elyria, Ohio: Lorain Products; Reliance Electric Company; Reliance Comm/Tec Corporation; or RELTEC Corporation.

I understand that EPA has no more than twenty (20) working days to respond to this request. To facilitate your response, I request that you contact Ms. Gwendolyn Massenburg of EPA, Region 5 in Chicago, who has been identified by EPA as the Remedial Project Manager for the Chemical Recovery Systems Superfund site.

If, in responding to this request, EPA determines that any otherwise responsive information will not be provided because it constitutes confidential business information or is otherwise exempt under 5 U.S.C. \ni 552(b), state the general nature of the information being withheld and the legal ground upon which disclosure has been denied. Additionally, if a record consists only partially of information which EPA claims is exempt from disclosure, you are required to provide the non-exempt portion of that record with the exempt information redacted.

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The purpose of this request is to evaluate the basis for pending and threatened legal claims and, therefore, falls within the "other" fee category set forth at 40 C.F.R. \ni 2.120(a)(1)(iv). Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. \ni 2.120(c)(1), I agree in advance to pay up to \$200.00 of necessary fees incurred responding to this request. If it appears that the costs may exceed \$200.00, please call me prior to incurring the expense. Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation.

Sincerely,

John A. Nadzan